Cloudy with light rain today; Sunday showers; little change in temp.; snow over high mountains Sun. Max. temp. Fri. 57, min. 84. River -8.7 ft. South wind.

Wilful Neglect

Is not Charged

Against Group

Ultimate Responsibility

for Shortage Laid

to Officials

Authority to Pay

Office Rent

The Marion county grand jury wound up a four-mouths' investi-gation of county officials yester-

lax auditing practices but exoner-

ity" for the shortage of over \$23,-

000 on the books of the county treasurer rests on the shoulders of

2. That extra payments to the

3. That the members of the

district attorney for office rent

and stenographer hire should be

county court are innocent, in the

opinion of the grand jury, of hav-

4. That the records used and

companied by indictment or other

document, devoted most of its de-

tail to careful study of the legal

right of the county court to make

payments in addition to salary to

alyzing responsibility for the \$28,-

ter in a special state andit.

The grand jury queerted that for the district attorney, a state offi-

cer, "no mandatory obligation on the part of the county to furnish

office space, stenographer hire,

or similar expenditures ." .." can be found.

"The vice of the policy pursued by the county court of Maries

county is this," the report said:

"If the county court of its own

tion where the district attorney

. . could be placed under the con-

Freedom From Constraint Considered Good Policy "A sound public policy demands

that the important office of dis-

trict attorney should be free from

all constraint; he should possess absolute freedom of action."

ant to examine books as required

by law was the chief accusation of

the jury in reference to alleged

shortages on the treasurer's books.

"We have examined substan-tially all of the persons designated

by the county court for the past 15 years to audit the books of the

county treasurer. . . Not one of

the persons . . even claimed to be an accountant, let alone a competent accountant," the report as-

"Most of the persons designated to make this audit have held post

years. Most of the persons de nated to make these audits w

Failure of the county court to

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motion possesses the power

000 shortage brought to light

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the county court.

discontinued.

Investigators Find

EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Saturday Morning, November 25, 1939

Price 3c; Newsstands 5c

Grand Jury Scolds Court for Audit Methods

Clyde Spinning wanted for jail break in Grays Harbor. Didn't know he had left his old home at

one (Oregon state penitentiary) where he was the art department for the prison magazine "Shadows."

Spinning, who has served time for all the ills a fancy pen can bring from coun-terfeiting to pa- Paul H. Hauser, jr.

perhanging, was both artist and engraver. He made Christmas cards as a sideline; very ornate things they were, too. He created Bolivar, the Big House Cat, a striped kitty who was always getting into scrapes. Had a very happy sense of humor. Found. An old time gramo-

phone. The fire department has one, an old Edison machine in perfect condition taken in on one of the toy drives of a few years back. There's a collection of the wax cylinders and the machine plays them as perfect-ly as it ever did. They are wartime vintage for one of the screechers is "Don't Bite the Hand That's Feeding You" with W. Van Brunt performing in steam calliope tones at the vocalizing. Another is "Laddie in Khaki (Girl Who Waits at Home)". Had a lot of fun playing the old records.

Barber shop on Ferry street is full of religious mottoes. They are all over the walls and in the windows and of every type and color. Green neon lights in front of a jewelry store make ring-seeking romancers look ghoulish rather than gay . . . Roadhouse near Newberg bears the sign, "The Riviera, Chinese Food" . . . Must be the Marco Polo influence.

New counter is put in in exact location of former state police patrol headquarters when they were at city half. Police recall how Newell Williams once tossed a dummy dynamite bomb in the state police enclosure and fled. whooping like a Comanche. State Policemen Powell Clayton and Bob Phillips burst simultaneously for the door. Clayton had been sitting on a typewriter chair with casters and the chair went rushing in front of him. Clayton, Phillips and chair hit the door si-multaneously as all went down

Clipping telling how Royal Air Force will remove two un-exploded bombs from huge oyster beds off east coast of England on theory that noisy noise annoys an oyster."

Japanese Claim Nanning Capture

Not Cut by Invading Conquerors

HONGKONG, Nov. 24—(AP)—The capture of the Kwangsi province, capital of Nanning, today at the end of a 10-day, 100-mile thrust by Japanese troops aiming at China's southwestern "lifeline" supply routes was announced by Japanese army headquarters.

While Chinese official quarters remained silent, Japanese said their troops were completing occupation of the Nanning area tonight. The city has been a nerve center for China's incoming war supplies and outgoing trade.

Although , not minimizing the importance of its fall, which they said was possible, Chinese contended that the invading Japanforce, about 40,000 strong, not achieved its announced objectives of cutting China's "lifelines" and smashing the

Nanning is on a highway from French Indo-China over which war supplies have been moving into China. Chinese officials ac-knowledged that loss of the city

Stevedores Hurry **Loading of Fruit**

on the import of northwest apples and winter pears,

Hood River and Yakima aj Hood River and Yakima apples his own testimony—particularly poured simultaneously into all six poured simultaneously into all six his own testimony—particularly notes to be made public—which his contention that he had simply caused Kuhn to turn upon her his contention that he had simply caused Kuhn to turn upon her his contention that he had simply caused Kuhn to turn upon her his contention that he had simply caused Kuhn to turn upon her his contention that he had simply caused Kuhn to turn upon her his contention that he had simply caused Kuhn to turn upon her shadowed by increased purchases of war supplies, officials declined stand that she was not the "fine stand that she was not the "fine stand that she was badly cut about the face of the pour stand that the program should be content to guess. They said insufficient to guess. They said insuf

In One Ear.. U-Boat Damages British Cruiser Movie Strike

Losses at Sea Near 30 Sb In Eight Days

English, Dutch Vessels Among Latest of Casualties

Nazis Threaten 10 to Vengeance Against Baltic Blockade

(By the Associated Press) An admission that one of her newest cruisers had been damaged by a "torpedo or mine" came last night from Britain as her food line received another dent and neutral powers expressed growing dissatisfaction with her projected blockade of German exadmiralty announced in

London that the 10,000-ton cruiser Belfast was damaged Tuesday in the Firth of Forth, strategic naval base in Scotland. Hours before, the German high command had said the submarine commander involved in the attack on the Belfast confirmed foreign reports current since Tuesday that she was damaged.

Twenty men were reported injured aboard the Belfast. Firth Is Scene of German Air Raids

The Firth of Forth was the scene of a German air raid October-16 in which the cruiser Southampton received a glancing blow from a bomb and two other ships, the cruiser Edinburgh and the Barrage of Bricks, Stones

little more than a week approached 30 with the destruction yes terday of the British steamer Mangalore, 8886 tons, and the torpedoing of a Netherlands tank-

The Mangalore struck a mine along England's east coast—scene of numerous sinkings from a simllar cause in the last few days. The Mangalore's crew of 77 was

Five survivors of the Slied-recht said their ship was torpedoed over a week ago and 26 men were missing. The survivors landed yesterday at a northwest British port. Fishermen Requested

Sweep Up Mines Puzzled by the mine outbreak the British put scientists and overall clad fishermen to work in an effort to solve the problem. The scientists were told to find a means to combat what the British press charged were magnetic mines dropped by airplanes-and the fishermen were urged to Chinese Maintain Lifeline sweep up the mines with their trawlers,

Italy was the latest nation to voice concern over Britain's de-Italy was the latest nation to termination to start December 1 an unrestricted blockade of German exports, even in neutral ship-

Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian foreign minister, called the attention of the French ambassador and the British charge d'affaires in Rome to possible consequences of the blockade on Italy's com-

Chamberlain government already has received a protest from the Netherlands, whose cab-inet considered problems of neutrality at a special meeting yesterday. Belgium has prepared a protest and a Danish trade delegation has reached London to dis-cuss war trade problems, of which the blockade probably is the up

Nevertheless, indication

NAZIS CLAMP DOWN ON CZECHOSLOVAKIANS



German police tighten their hold on Prague and four industrial centers under martial law following the execution of 12 Czechs, hine of them students, for alleged anti-German acts. The photo was taken in Bratislava a few months ago during a similar student demonstration.

Violence Flares In Auto Strike

Meets Workers Who Run Picket Line

DETROIT, Nov. 14-(47)-A barjured eight persons and resulted in 22 arrests today but failed to prevent 57 workers from passing a CIO-United Automobile workers picket line and entering the closed Dodge main plant of the Chrysler corporation.

The first mass violence of the 50-day-old contract dispute between the UAW-CIO and the corporation came a few hours before negotiations for settlement were adjourned for the week-end with

"no progress' reported.

Arthur B. Raab, chairman of the state labor mediation board, said that a recess until Monday morning was decided on "in the hope that the parties can produce some new ideas by Monday." Negotiations have deadlocked on the issues of union wage demands and a demand by the corporation for assurance that the (Turn to page 2, col, 4)

Contract Likely

PORTLAND, Nov. 24.-(AP)-A administration may be signed by the Portland General Electric company "in a matter of days," Franklin T. Griffith said

Griffith, president of the util ity firm, added that he would re-sume negotiations with Bonneville Administrator Paul J. Raver on

Immediately after signing contract the state public utilities commissioner will call a hearing at which Griffith anticipates establishment of rates "which will ef-

(Turn to page 2, col. 7) Kwangsi province army, rated Half of Charges Against Leader of Bund Dismissed

NEW YORK, Nov. 24-(P)-Five had proposed marriage to herof the prosecution's ten counts although he was and is a married against Fritz Kuhn were disman—but that he'd given her a way, but asserted that the Chinese already were developing a loop line road running 130 miles west of Nanning.

Chinese pointed out that more than 200 miles of mountains, rivers and deep valleys separate the Japanese afrom Kweilin, south China's new military and rolled the chinese pointed out that more than 200 miles of mountains, rivers and deep valleys separate the Japanese afrom Kweilin, south China's new military and rolled to the remarked from the bench odd which he wise and is a married man—but that he'd given her a \$240 platinum engagement ring in San Francisco last year and had urged upon her the divorce she obtained from Charles Camp.

Nevertheless, she gave some support to the bundsman upon his major contention that the \$700-For he remarked from the bench late in the day amid a legal discussion among counsel after both sides had rested that these remaining counts would be allowed to stand—"unless I change my bursed the bund's account.

to stand—"unless I change my mind by Monday."

The last major witness had been Kuhn's erstwhile "Golden Angel," Mrs. Florence Camp, a blonde di-vorcee who twisted her fingers and gave the flout bundsfuehrer a single, chill glance as she took

casions she had given him a total

Kuhn's erstwhile "Golden Angel,"
Mrs. Florence Camp, a blonde divorcee who twisted her fingers and gave the flout bundsfuehrer a single, chill glance as she took the stand.

Mrs. Camp, fashionably turned out in a short fur jacket and a bustle-back dress, contradicted Kuhn sharply upon some points in his own restimony—narticularly notes to be made nublic—which

Northwest Conference

Annual Meeting Ended in one Day for First Time in History; Salem Is Chosen for Championship Tennis Competition

of the Pacific Northwest conference today and Paul Murphy, College of Idaho, was reelected secretary.

R. V. "Nig" Borleske, Whitman college coach for a

Chance for End Of Tieup Slim

Mutual Blame Is Bitter as Waterfront Situation Remains Hopeless

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24 .- (AP)

Hope dwindled tonight for any

quick amicable settlement of two strikes which have tied up the mafor part of waterborne commerce in San Francisco bay. Expressions of mutual blame grew more bitter between employers and CIO unionists, negotiations suddenly resumed on Wednesday appeared to be again broken off, while representatives of business and farm groups from the interior valleys flocked here to press for "opening the port." Before 350 chamber of commerce representatives from north ern California cities, Mayor Angelo J. Rossi charged Harry Bridges, California CIO director, and 'other communist leaders" of waterfront unions were engaged in "a definite program . . . to wipe

out private business." "They say I am trying to stir up hatred against labor and against labor unions," said Rossi, reading from a manuscript. "They

Rossi said he was reading his speech from a prepared manuscript to guard any misquotation from strike leaders, who he said "twist and distort the truth." The mayor's principal plea was for pressure to be exerted in Washington to the end that "leadership of labor groups be taken out of the hands of communist leaders."

"It is high time for the feder-al government to crush communism in all its forms in this coun

Union men were not invited to the meeting, though they had asked for an invitation. Marshall Dill, chamber of commerce pres-ident, explained that the meeting was "not a debate" but was called for chamber of commerce men to evolve a long range policy regard-ing recurrent waterfront dis-

Royal Air Force Lists 191 Deaths

LONDON, Nov. 24 -(P)- The latest Royal Air Force casualty list, published tonight, carried the names of seven men killed in action and 19 killed in active ser-

The last previous list, published

Schedules Completed

PORTLAND, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Charles P. Robbins of the College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, was reelected president

quarter of a century, was reelected president of the coaches Dand managers of the conference and L. J. Sparks, Willamette graduate manager, was returned to the secretary post. Other business completed dur-

ing the conference session included drafting of the 1940 foot-ball, baseball, basketball, track and tennis schedules. Rumors the league would drop College of Idaho from the grid schedule because of its remote location from other schools were silenced when the Coyotes were scheduled against Pacific, Linfield, and Puget Sound.

The conference, completing its business in one day for the first time in history, adopted a fouryear rotating basketball schedule which finds College of Puget back in the cage league

Albany college of Oregon asked reinstatement in basketball and baseball but was not included in the regular schedules. Albany will play several conference members however and will be granted reinstatement when the school ready to compete in all sports.

The 1940 basketball schedule will see Whitman open at College of Idaho on January 15, Linfield at Willamette January 19 and Pa-cific at CPS on January 11. Baseball schedules will be drawn by the east and west divisions and (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6.)

College Refuses Hall to Browder

dent organizations, after a seven-hour session, announced tonight it would refuse to permit the use of a college hall for an appear-ance of Earl Browder, US com-

Editors of the college paper, the Dartmouth, had invited Browder to address students and set next Monday night as a tentative date for his appearance. The com-munists' US general secretary al-ready has been denied the right to speak at Harvard and Prince-

"This is not an issue of free-dom of speech," the council de-clared in its announcement. "There was no interest in Earl Browder here before he was de-sied the right to speak at Har-vard. The Dartmouth is dramatis-ing the situation with cheap pub-licity."

Oregon Youth Is Paroled in Idaho

Shut Theatres

Producers Reject Union Demand as Deadline for Call Nears

Threatens to

35,000 Technicians Are to Be out of Jobs if Deadlock Holds

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 24-(P)-Movie producers rejected today the demands of studio unions for 10 per cent wage increases and union officials countered with an announcement they would call a strike closing every motion pic-ture theatre in the United States and Canada.

William Bioff, chairman of the conference of studio unions, said that unless the wage increases were granted tomorrow, there would be a "general strike clos-ing all studios and theatres."

Bioff did not mention specifically the projectionists employed in the 20,000 movie theatres in the United States and neither he nor his associates would discuss strike strategy, but in previous negotiations Bioff said bluntly the pay increases would be obtained, if all other means failed, by the expedient of closing the

No Hour Is Set for Studio Walk-Outs No hour was set for the walkout tomorrow at the movie studios, where 35 pictures are in the progress of production. There are 35,000 technicians in Hollywood who would be subject to the strike call. Twelve thousand studio em-

ployes who are members of un- be met by borrowing or whether the district attorney, and to anions affiliated with the Interna- the program should be put on a tional Alliance of Theatrical Stage pay-as-you-go basis. Employes were granted a 10 per

cent wage increase recently.
When the producers asked that they consent to its withdrawall because of demoralized condition of the foreign film market, the unions refused and delivered an ultimatum demanding the same increase for 23,000 other union (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Il Duce Hailed As Peacemaker

Mussolini Could End War, Says Utah Senator, World Traveler

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.-(A Senator King (D-Utah) express the opinion today that if Benito Mussolini would assume the leadership of a peace movement he probably could end the Euro-

King, a world traveler and ar dent student of international affairs, added in an interview that the Italian premier as the "most powerful European leader outside the belligerents, is probably the

only man who could lead a sue- Rancher's Death cessful peace move."
The Utah senator said the war would be halted if a powerful peace bloc of European nations emanded an end to hostilities.

to take leadership in world affairs. His background indicates he may do that."

The senator said that Germany's recent friendship with Russia provided Mussolini with "a perfect excuse" for withdrawing any aid or support for Germany since "the history of the Italian people demonstrates they (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5.)

Hull to Fight for Renewal

Of Reciprocal Trade Pacts

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24-(P)- break of the war, and particularly well-informed persons reported today that the United Kingdom's against arms sales to belligerents,

today that the United Kingdom's war-time import restrictions had halted "until further notice" her purchases of nearly a score of American products covered by the British-American trade treaty.

They estimated that the kingdom's purchases of these goods—which include fresh apples and pears, motor cars and a number this forecast is coming true. But

which include fresh apples and pears, motor cars and a number of articles considered luxuries—
mounted to \$21,220,000 in 1936.

France is requiring permits for all imports, it was said, and atthough the extent of her restrictions are not yet clear she is granting no permits for apples nor for tobacco shipments into French Colonies. In addition, she has halted some exports to this country mostly of colonial pro-

Testator Makes Odd Requests in Will at Probate

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 24

(P)-Judge Sam O. Bates said today these requests were made in wills probated in his court:

"To my son I leave the pleasure of carning his own living and to my chauffeur I leave my cars, as he has always ruined them and I want him to have the satisfaction of finishing the job."

"I want six of my creditors for pall-bearers—they have carried me for so long they might as well finish the job."

Big Defense Fund day afternoon by filing a report that scolded the county court for Proposed by FDF ated its members of "wilful negli-gence." The eight-page report made four principal findings: 1. That "ultimate responsibil-

dethod of Financing Half Billion Appropriation To Be Up to People

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL WARM SPRINGS, Ga., Nov. 24 (P)-A half billion dollar addition to the bill for national defense possibly financed by a special new tax, was forecast at a presidential press conference today.

President Roosevelt asserted such a tax, coupled with a reduction of the government's budget for the year starting next July 1 and continuation of an upward rend in federal revenue, might be instrumental in halving the deficit.

system employed in dispensing county gasoline are "highly satisfactory."
Report Dwells on Legal
Right to Pay Rental
The report, which was unac-Nothing has been decided about a new levy for defense, the president said, adding that he thought the people should study the question whether emergency expenditures for defense should

Undoubtedly, the chief execube less than \$2,300,000,000 but in excess of \$2,000,000,000.

A thing the country ought to understand and think about, he If the money were borrowed

additional taxes would be unnecessary; a pay-as-you-go basi would require some form of new national defense taxes. Reporters sought unsuccess

fully to get the president's views on the form such taxes might take and the implications of imposing new taxes in an election yeara step which congressmen always have shown a reluctance to take. Mr. Roosevelt said that he was discussing principles and not a matter of dollars and cents or

chief executive drove down to a cottage occupied by reporters at the Warm Springs foundation and held his press conference by the side of a dusty road.

Mystery Studied

"Mussolini could form a powerful bloc," he continued, "by
bringing in the Balkan states, the
Scandinavian countries, Belgium,
The Netherlands, Switzerland and
other nations that want peace.
"Mussolini has it in his hands

District attorney's deputy John Pennington said an automatic pistol was found beneath Peter-

warm personal friends of long standing of the county officers and their deputies . . . In almost every instance the person appoint-(Turn to Page 2, Col. 1.) Benefit Payment Retention Asked

PEORIA, Ill., Nov. 24-(P)-The National grange urged today that federal benefit payments to farm-ers be continued until a perma-nent agricultural program had

Delegates at the closing ser of the 71st annual conve heid that federal aid was ju able until agriculture was acc ed a bigger share of the nati

The report also asked adjusted in taxation, inte charges, wage levels and transpitation rates to "equalize exists frequalizes" for agriculture a proposed both an emergency a long time farm program.

Nine Injured in

Crash of Autos Paroled in Idaho

Paroled in Idaho

In addition, she bassion of congress. The trade agreements ac, under which these agreements ac, under which these and other pacts were negotiated, is due to expire next June 12 and if the administration puts in a bighway 15 miles south of here.

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